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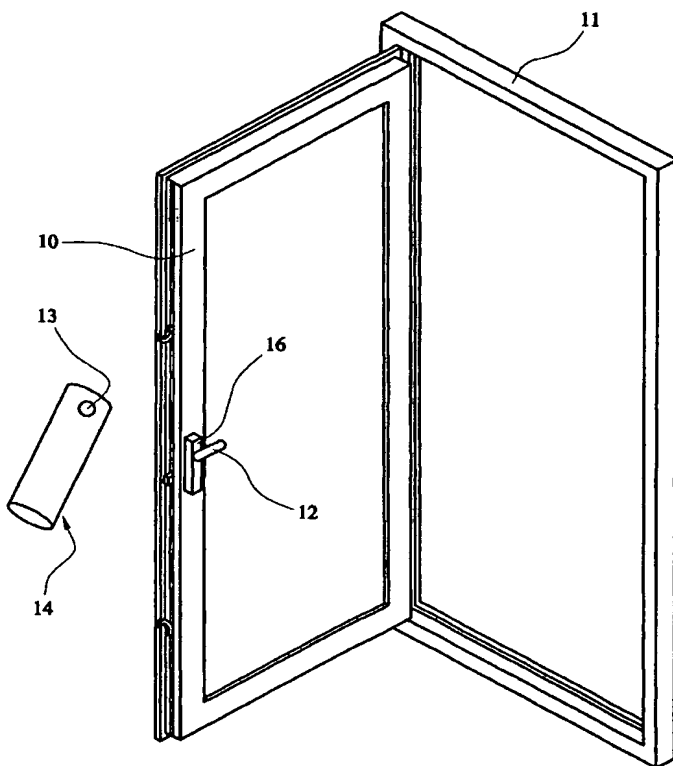
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(57) Abstract: A locking mechanism is provided which is operable to restrict unauthorised access to a structure such as a house, the locking mechanism being operable to permit external access, by means of at least one remote control device (14) operable from outside the structure, the locking mechanism being arranged to cooperate with at least one internal safety device (17), for example the smoke detector or fire alarm, the locking mechanism being such that if the safety device (17) is activated, this unlocks the locking mechanism to facilitate escape from the structure.

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